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| Specification reference | Checklist questions | |
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| 6.2.4 a | Can you describe the use of C–C bond formation in synthesis to increase the length of a carbon chain? | |
| 6.2.4 b i | Can you describe the formation of C-C=N by reaction of haloalkanes with CN- and ethanol, including nucleophilic substitution mechanism? | |
| 6.2.4 b ii | Can you describe the formation of C-C=N by reaction of carbonyl compounds with HCN, including nucleophilic addition mechanism? | |
| 6.2.4 c i | Can you recall the reactions of nitriles by reduction to form amines? | |
| 6.2.4 c ii | Can you recall the reactions of nitriles by acid hydrolysis to form carboxylic acids? | |
| 6.2.4 d | Can you describe the formation of a substituted aromatic C–C by alkylation (using a haloalkane) and acylation (using an acyl chloride) in the presence of a halogen carrier (Friedel–Crafts reaction)? | |
| 6.2.5 a i | Can you describe organic preparation using Quickfit apparatus and distillation and heating under reflux? | |
| 6.2.5 a ii | Can you describe the purification of an organic solid by filtration under reduced pressure, recrystallization, measurement of melting points? | |
| 6.2.5 b i | Can you identify individual functional groups of organic molecules containing several functional groups? | |
| 6.2.5 b ii | Can you predict properties and reactions of organic molecules containing several functional groups? | |
| 6.2.5 c | Can you describe multi-stage synthetic routes for preparing organic compounds? | |